

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 605  
By Hackworth

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Eugene L. Joyce of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Eugene L. Joyce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Joyce served with acumen and alacrity as an attorney, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born in Kingston, New York, Mr. Joyce was the son of James and Pauline Joyce; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Eugene Joyce served with great valor with the United States Air Force and the Army Signal Corps in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce earned degrees from the University of Alabama, City College of New York, and Peabody College before receiving his law degree from the University of Tennessee in 1951; and

WHEREAS, establishing a successful law practice with the late United States District Judge Frank W. Wilson in Jackson Square, Eugene Joyce became fully integrated into the fabric of the Oak Ridge community, remaining close to city officials and even serving as a City Judge, as a Member of one of the earliest Charter Commissions, and as a Member of the Mayor's Advisory Board on Human Relations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce also practiced law with the Honorable Riley Anderson and remained active in the Oak Ridge law firm that bears his name, Joyce Meredith Flitcroft & Normand, until he was well into his 80s; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Joyce played a key role in the incorporation of Oak Ridge, resolving complex, legal issues surrounding the transition; he subsequently served as the City Attorney and the Anderson County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce helped establish twelve Oak Ridge organizations and served as President for each of these associations; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Eugene Joyce founded the Oak Ridge Bank, served as a founding director of BellSouth, helped launch the predecessor to the East Tennessee Economic Council, and founded Technology 2020; and

WHEREAS, a leader among leaders, Mr. Joyce remained active in civic affairs throughout his retirement and regularly penned a column for *The Oak Ridger* entitled "Bar None"; and

WHEREAS, a fine man worthy of the respect of the Oak Ridge community, Eugene Joyce was the recipient of numerous awards and honors; at last year's MayFest celebration, the City of Oak Ridge observed "Eugene L. Joyce Day", and in 1998, the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce launched the Eugene L. Joyce Distinguished Service Award, which is given annually to an Oak Ridge resident who has provided exceptional public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Joyce enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 25 years, Vivian Joyce, and was the proud father of Lisa Irish Joyce, Lori Joyce Lynn, Steve Normand, Dan Normand, Jim Normand, and Mary Normand; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce will also be dearly and daily missed by his sister and brother-in-law, Rosalind and Jerry Liberti, his niece and nephew, Rose Marie and Gary Leone, and his grandchildren, Michael Joseph, Brian Lynn, Dana Lynn, James Normand, Jake Normand, Stephanie Crudup-Normand, and Elliott Normand; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Joyce leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Eugene L. Joyce, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Joyce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.